

In The Claims

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-23 (Cancelled)

24. (New) A locking quick release device for lockingly affixing a bicycle seat assembly to a fixed component, the fixed component having a first member and a second member moveable toward and away from each other between a first position in which the bicycle seat assembly is affixed to the fixed component and a second position in which the bicycle seat assembly is removable from the fixed component, said locking quick release device comprising:

a lever having a handle end and a pivot end, the lever being movable about the pivot end between an open position and a closed position so that movement of the lever to the closed position causes the members to move to the first position and movement of the lever to the open position causes the members to move to the second position;

a locking mechanism operatively combined with the handle end of the lever to selectively prevent movement of the lever about its pivot end when the locking mechanism is actuated into a locked position, wherein the locking mechanism has a latching mechanism;

a receiving member is combined with the fixed component for receiving the latching mechanism to provide for locking of the lever to the fixed component and thereby prevent removal of the bicycle seat assembly from the fixed component when the locking mechanism is actuated into a locked position;

wherein the lever further comprises a cam surface near the lever pivot end so that movement of the lever to the closed position moves the first and second members to the first position in which they are closer together, and movement of the lever to the open position moves the first and second members to the second position in which they are farther apart;

wherein the first and second members are combined with a collar adapted to receive the bicycle seat assembly , the diameter of the collar becoming smaller as the lever is moved to the closed position; and

wherein the receiving member extends from the collar in a first direction, and the first and second members extend from the collar in the opposite direction.

25. (New) The locking quick release device of Claim 24 wherein the locking mechanism has a first end and a second end with a key slot at the second end, said key slot being adapted to receive a key.

26. (New) The locking quick release device of Claim 25 wherein the latching mechanism is turnable between a first and a second position when the key is inserted into and engaged within the key slot.

27. (New) The locking quick release device of Claim 26 wherein the receiving member comprises a catch mechanism that prevents the lever from moving to the open

position when the latching mechanism is engaged in its second position and the lever is in the closed position.

28. (New) The locking quick release device of Claim 27 wherein the catch mechanism is comprised of locking pins.